

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Walter Supper, et al.                      **Examiner:** Unassigned  
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**Filed:** Herewith                                              **Docket:** 18477  
**For:** LIGAMENT TENSIONING DEVICE  
          WITH DISPLACABLE CLAWS                      **Dated:** January 5, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 5 of this paper.

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